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VENTILATION SUGGESTIONS

The first spell of warm weather makes some of us realize that when our houses were planned and built there was not enough thought given to good ventilation. Many houses are being remodeled and improved at this time of year, so it is a good opportunity to check on every room to see if it has a good cross draft and, if not, whether something could be done about it. Cutting extra windows through or enlarging existing ones is often not particularly difficult or expensive, considering the added comfort and more healthful atmosphere the family will enjoy as a result. When building a new home, the ventilation can be planned in advance on paper and put into effect with less extra expense.

Here are some ventilating suggestions from _____
(name of specialist)
at _____:
(name of institution)

How is the kitchen located with respect to the prevailing breezes? Kitchen odors and layers of hot air will be "gone with the wind" if given a chance. Windows in at least two walls, or one or two windows in one wall and an outside door in another, are desirable. Then there can be a good cross draft.

If possible, the stove should be placed so that the draft does not strike it directly. Windows should extend as near the ceiling as possible. The top sash should be kept in condition to lower easily for

carrying off odors. In some kitchens an electric ventilator replaces a pane in the upper sash. Windows set high from the floor are good in a small kitchen because equipment like the refrigerator or sink may be placed below them.

If curtains are used in the kitchen they should be made so as to pull aside easily and leave the window free for ventilation either at top or bottom. Full-length window screens are an aid to good ventilation as they permit either sash to be opened.

Dormer windows help to ventilate the attic. They are most effective if arranged so as to provide for a cross draft. Casement windows in dormers give twice the ventilation obtainable with double-hung windows. Draw curtains are desirable for casement windows as they are easy to pull back when the windows are open. Casements opening in are usually more satisfactory than those opening outward.

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